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DECISION ON AIRPORT DELAYED

Plan to Stop Lease Tabled

Efforts to cancel out the airport management contract held by Collins-Dietrich, Inc., at the end of this year failed Tuesday as objections raised by Councilman Nick Drale and questions offered by Victor Benstead forced the matter on the table for two weeks.

Recommendations of a special committee that the contract be purchased by the city at the end of the year with payments of \$1000 a month to go to the management firm for the remaining 18 months were challenged by Drale, who said he felt that Manager Ed Dietrich had done a good job on the airport after taking it over eight years ago when nobody else wanted to do it.

"It's not a matter of money," Drale commented, when it was pointed out that the city probably could expect to be at least \$2000 ahead on the deal under present lease income.

A Matter of Morals

"It's a matter of morals . . . of being human," Drale snapped. He said the city should show its good faith and live up to the contract with Collins-Dietrich until it expired in 1959.

City Manager George Stevens said the plan called for the city to take over active management of the airport as a separate department of the city. It would require a manager and three assistants, he reported. The city would retain all of the revenue derived from airport leases and other interests there, he reported. At the present time they receive 15 per cent.

Disputes Cited

Greatest advantage to the offer would be to settle the various controversies now existing between the Collins-Dietrich firm and the city. Mayor Albert Isen said. He said the dispute over lights and liability, and for the disagreement over rentals received from industrial leases on the north side of the airport would be wiped out.

The present management could go ahead and live out the terms of their lease, and then sue the city for part of the rentals," Isen said. An agreement to cancel the lease now would likewise cancel out the controversies, he stated.

Report Asked

City Attorney Stan Remelmeier was asked to clear up three questions:

1. What changes in the wording and otherwise would be necessary in the airport master plan?
 2. What would become of the improvement fund?
 3. Who owns the gasoline-dispensing equipment on the field and what would become of it?
- The matter will again be considered on Nov. 19th.

Council Asks For New Law On Magazines

An ordinance similar to those enacted by Long Beach and Los Angeles for the control of magazines portraying nudes and material judged to be lewd or lascivious was ordered this week by the city council as a follow up to an investigation of the sale of such material in Torrance.

In a report by Lt. D. C. Cook of the Police Department, a long list of magazines was submitted along with the names of a number of markets, drug stores, and liquor stores handling them.

An attempt to have the police ask dealers to quit handling the magazines failed, but Mayor Isen reported that he would write all dealers personally with such a suggestion.

Parravano to Face Suits, Tax Claims

The whereabouts of Tony Parravano, Torrance builder and sportsman, continued in doubt this week with federal income tax liens worth about \$1.5 million facing him as well as other legal claims.

A Manhattan Beach resident, Parravano built some 700 homes in north Torrance and was a partner in the El Camino Shopping Center at Redondo Beach and Crenshaw Blvs.

In Italy?

Parravano has been out of the country since July and according to his wife, will return shortly from Rome. She said, he has been on a big-game hunting expedition in Africa.

The U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue has 11 tax liens against Parravano, his wife, and some of the estimated 60 corporations in which he had an interest during the past five years. Total amount of the liens is \$1,462,237.

Parravano also faces a Los Angeles Superior Court judgment for \$350,000 filed by a former associate, Henry Maag. The judgment also is against 32 of his corporate interests.

Two Marines Jailed Here

Two Long Beach-based Marines will have their preliminary hearing Tuesday in South Bay Municipal Court on two charges of burglary.

The two were arrested on suspicion of burglary Sunday as they came out of a service station at 2186 Redondo Beach Blvd.

Theodore Johnson, 19, and Roger L. Clement, 22, both based at the Terminal Island Marine Barracks, were booked after officers said they saw the pair break into coin machines inside a darkened service station.

Officers Russ Clawson and Kenny Habert stopped the pair as they attempted to drive off.

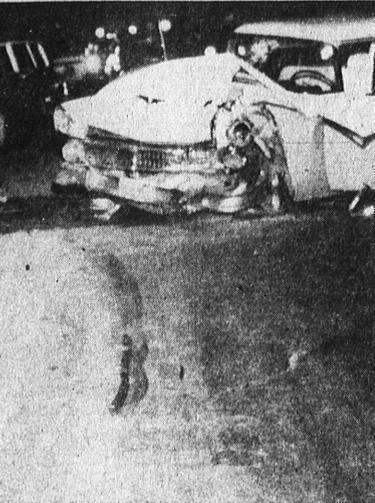
Approximately \$15 in coins were taken from the machines, the station owner said.

Detectives Wally Nitz and Miles Hamilton said the two suspects confessed burglarizing a Gardena restaurant a few hours earlier.

Man Burned By Mistake

A Wilmington man was reported in very critical condition at Harbor General Hospital after he threw a bucket of gasoline on a fire by mistake.

Walter Bostad, 23, was welding a car at a body shop at 1021 W. 204th St. when sparks apparently set fire to some rubber nearby. Bostad apparently grabbed what he thought was a bucket of water and threw on the flames. The "water" turned out to be gasoline and an explosion resulted.



TWO INJURED HERE . . . Torrance Officer Don Hammond examines skid marks at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Neece Ave. Sunday morning. This was the scene of a three-car collision which occurred when a car driven by

Lorraine A. Berry, 26, of 24241 Ward St., hit two parked autos. The driver and a passenger, John L. Berry, 26, were injured.

Hit-run Suspect Arrested Fleeing Scene of Accident

A Torrance resident was in jail yesterday on charges of hit-and-run driving, drunk driving, and injuring a person in an accident while under the influence of alcohol.

Local police Tuesday night arrested Arthur J. Simpson, 32, of 927 Arlington Ave., shortly after his car reportedly hit a 53-year-old woman who was walking in the marked crosswalk at Cravens Ave. and Carson St.

Taken to Harbor General Hospital and later treated by a private physician was Mercedes M. Carter, 1221 El Prado.

Suspect Apprehended

Simpson was apprehended by officers at Crenshaw Blvd., south of 190th St., after witnesses to the accident gave police a description of his car.

In an accident Sunday night at Pacific Coast Hwy. and Neece Ave., a car driven by Lorraine Ardele Berry, 24, of 24241 Ward St., hit two parked cars.

The driver is still in Torrance Memorial Hospital with officials there listing her condition as "satisfactory." A passenger in the vehicle, John L. Berry, 26, of the Ward St. address, also was injured.

Gail Leroy Ely, 24, of Hawthorne, was taken to Harbor General Sunday morning when his car left the road at 190th St., east of Hawthorne Ave., and crashed into a telephone pole.

Cars Collide

Fumiko Sawataki, 38, of San Pedro, was injured when cars driven by Fred Sawataki, 44, of San Pedro, and Lewis Jacob Stout, 44, of 22525 Susana Ave., collided.

The accident occurred Sunday at 220th St. and Cabrillo Ave.

Another accident victim was Vera Alice Dean, 32, of 815 Cota Ave., whose car collided with one driven by Kenneth Dwayne Blair, 35, of 162 1/2 220th St.

Blair was traveling east on Torrance Blvd. while the injured woman was proceeding north on Cota Ave. The accident occurred Tuesday.

Rivets Reports

Torrance should have a respite today from the rain which has fallen this week, according to Rivets, HERALD weather dog, the weather is expected to be clear and warmer. The city got .64 inch of rain this week—Sunday, .16; Monday, .10; and Tuesday, .08.

High and low temperatures this week were Sunday (67-49); Monday (67-44); Tuesday (66-48); and Wednesday (69-41).

Narrow Streets

Many of the streets in the area are extremely narrow and

Mexico Law Hit By Isen

Economic Blocks or Closed Border Asked

With the remark that "these things have to start somewhere," Mayor Albert Isen this week took on the Mexican government.

Referring to an incident involving an American citizen in Mexico who was held following an accident, Isen blasted the Mexican system of classifying an accident as a crime, and charged that while the practice is "under the guise of law, it is a matter of extortion."

He asked for and received approval of the city council to order up a resolution to be sent to President Eisenhower, Governor Knight, Senator Richard Richards, the Consulate, and others asking for economic sanctions, pressure, and closing of the border if necessary to correct the situation.

The incident arousing the mayor was reported in the Torrance HERALD last month, and told how Donald J. O'Hara of Los Angeles, brother-in-law of Mrs. Benjamin DiFiore, 16932 Elgar Ave., was arrested after an auto he was driving left the Tijuana-Ensenada Highway near Rosarito Beach and crashed.

Bail Grows

State highway police booked him on a charge of speeding and bail was set at \$400. He also was charged with a fed-

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PROPOSED SUN DIAL . . . This is an architect's rendering of the sun dial which was proposed for South High School by Architect Roy Donley. A small dial would be atop the 12-foot structure, while shadows from the railings of the staircase would create the sun-dial on a curved dial at the base. The dial would be adjustable for either standard or daylight saving time and could tell the day of the month.

Unique Sun Dial At South High Studied by Educators

A unique sun dial which would be placed in the mall at the new South High School got consideration from the Torrance Board of Education at its Tuesday night meeting.

Plans for the sun dial were presented by Architect Roy Donley, who designed the rest of the buildings at South High. The board eyed the plans and asked for further figures on the cost of the sun dial, estimated by Donley at about \$4000 to \$5000.

Staircase Shadow

The plan is unique in that the part of the dial which would cast a shadow would be the side of a staircase ascending to a 12-foot peak, where a conventional sun dial would be located. The dial would be ad-

justable for daylight or standard time.

Shadows would be cast on a wide, cylindrical dial which would be inclined with the latitude and would show not only hours of the day, but the time of the year. It would include various other scientific data. Gears inside could correct the time for variations in time errors.

Sun Dials Teach

"I have devoted enough time recently to the study of sun dials," Donley said, "and experimenting with same, to realize that sun dials teach us a lot about the physical world in which we live. A study of sun dials involves mathematics and geometry, astronomical considerations, relative to the move-

ment of the earth, and a knowledge of our various systems for computing time. It is really a fascinating subject, and most students would become completely absorbed in it."

Donley suggested inclusion of a "time capsule" in the structure as well.

Set Watches

The structure would be an asset to the community as well as the school, Donley declared. "You could set your watch by it," he assured the board.

Board members expressed interest in the structure, which would be in a mall behind the main building at South High School, which will be finished in January. They decided to request more information on the sun dial, however.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With a Russian canine circling the earth in Sputnik II, and animal lovers protesting. The HERALD's inquiring photographer asked:

"What do you think of the Russian use of a dog in Sputnik II? Do you believe that it could be considered cruelty to animals?"

Mrs. L. C. Flanagan, 518 E. 238th St., housewife:

"Yes, I think it's cruelly. When I saw the picture of the dog, I thought that somebody must love that puppy. The dog can't talk. What can it possibly tell? It just doesn't seem right."

Robert L. Smith, 3507 W. 227th Pl., public relations:

"I don't think it's cruelty. It's just scientific advancement. It's no worse than dogs being killed in the pounds. We've got a dog and I like them, but in this case I think it's necessary."

Mrs. Frances Lancaster, 4532 Cadison St., housewife:

"I don't think they should have sent it up. I don't see how it's going to live. I'd prefer that they'd use animals rather than humans, however. They'd do better to use white rats. Too many people have dogs for pets."

Gary Palmer, 916 Cota Ave., El Camino College student:

"I wondered why they didn't use a monkey. They're more like humans, I thought. Anyway it's a good advancement and the U.S. will have to get on the ball. I can't see anything really cruel in it. They can't use humans and it's for scientific development."

Mrs. Kenneth McVey, 3825 W. 176th St., housewife:

"No, I don't think it's cruel. In experimental stages of outstanding scientific developments we must use suitable animals to prove their worth to mankind. It's better to use animals first than human beings."

Marvin W. Davis, 17218 Ardath Ave., city assistant plumbing inspector:

"Yes, I do. It's quite a cruelty and shouldn't be allowed. They shouldn't use animals classified as pets. Maybe a rodent, guinea pig or something like that would be all right."

Riviera Residents Vote To Open Sidewalk Drive

Petitions for sidewalks in the Hollywood Riviera area will be circulated, members of the Riviera Homeowners decided at a hot meeting Monday night.

By a three-vote margin, the homeowners decided to attempt to get enough signatures on petitions requesting four-foot curbside sidewalks. Sixty per cent of the homeowners would have to sign to make the petition effective.

Main reasons given for construction of the sidewalks would be to safeguard children who must walk in the streets enroute to school. Residents felt sidewalks would remove many children from the danger areas.

Narrow Streets Many of the streets in the area are extremely narrow and

curving, with impaired vision to both driver and pedestrian. Opponents, however, objected to the proposal, declaring that the sidewalks would mar the natural beauty of the area, would require removal of many trees, or cost too much money.

William J. Hanson was named chairman of a committee which will seek signatures to get sidewalks.

Some 1400 lots are affected by the proposal. Each homeowner would be assessed equally, according to plans presented Monday night. Trees would have to be clipped to allow a seven-foot clearance, but the city would grade banks.

The group voted to seek support from the four Parent-Teacher groups in the area for sidewalks.

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